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A word from the author:
This story is a work of fiction; inspired by debatable historical events — it was not written to exploit or trivialize this manner of human suffering and atrocities - rather, I am rewriting history in an attempt at giving the victims a voice and a means for revenge.

Serena Valentino

Annabelle speaks:

This is Victoria and Rebecca's story. But more truly this tale belongs to the house and the dead that inhabit it. My thoughts do not penetrate this narrative. You shall learn this story from Victoria and Rebecca's own eternal feelings, their innermost fears, dreams and secret desires.

After all, I am privy to such knowledge, and I think sharing their secrets with you will bring an entirely new light on the path I've been taken on. The horrors I've witnessed, and the women who have possessed me.

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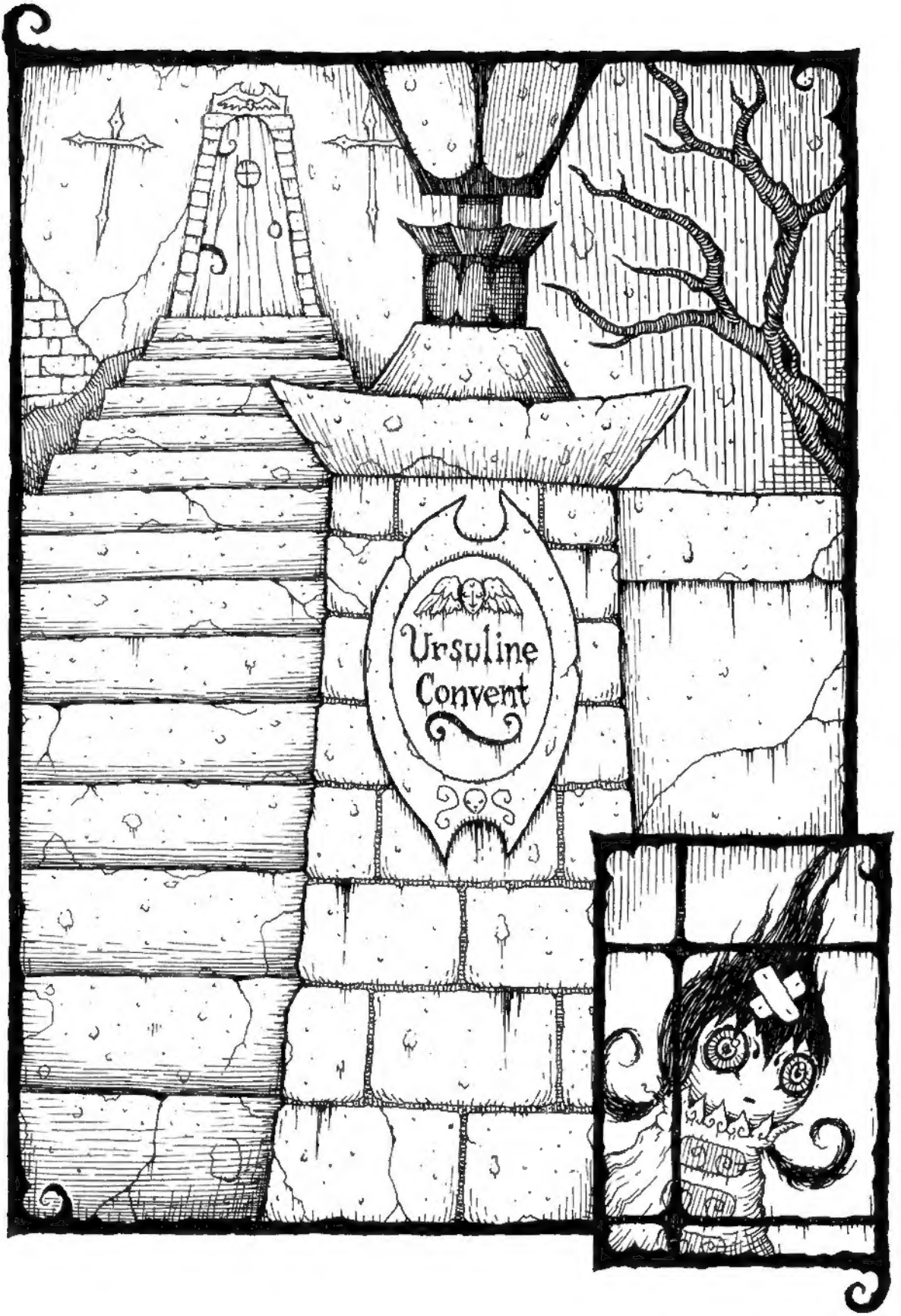
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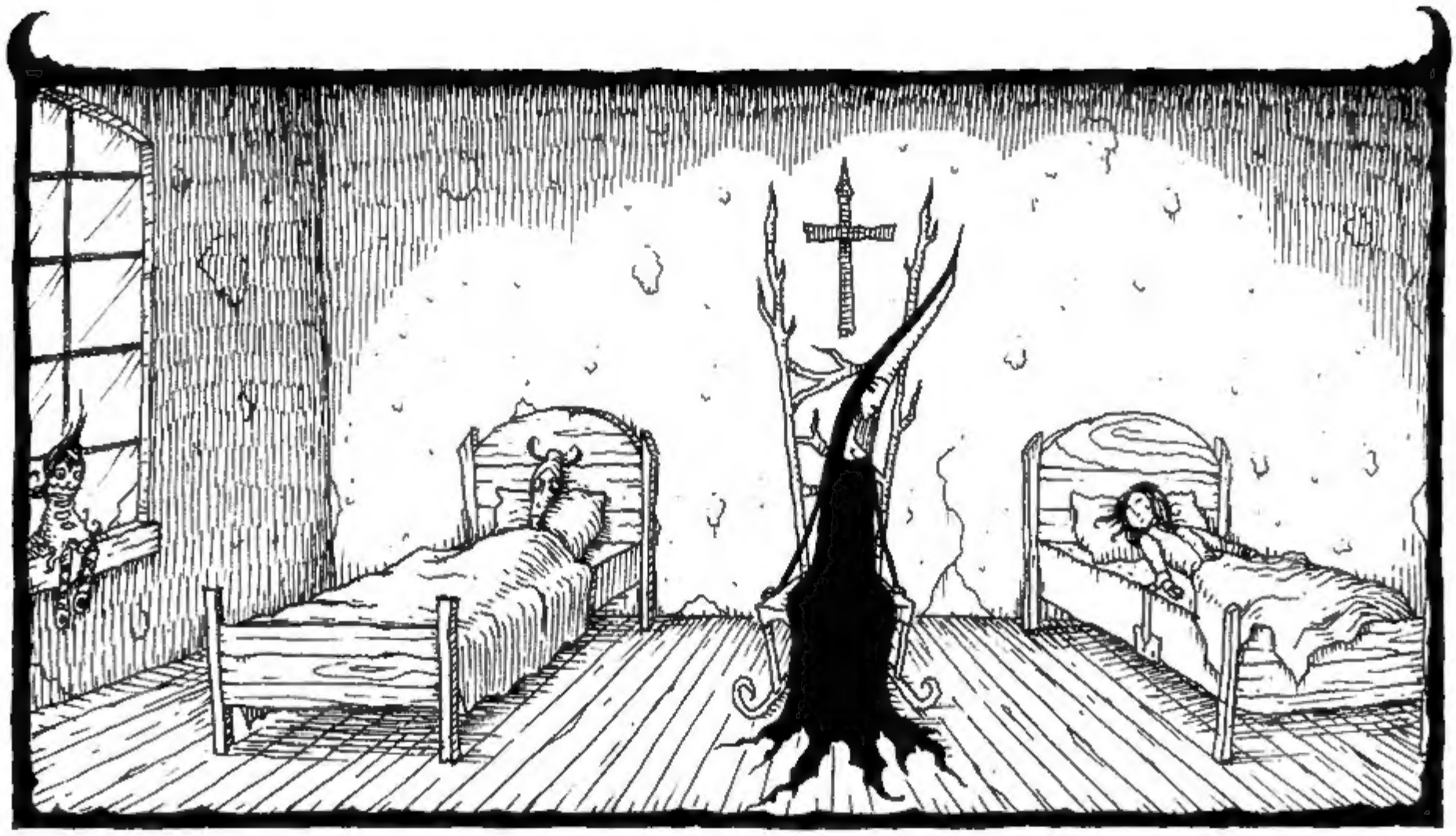


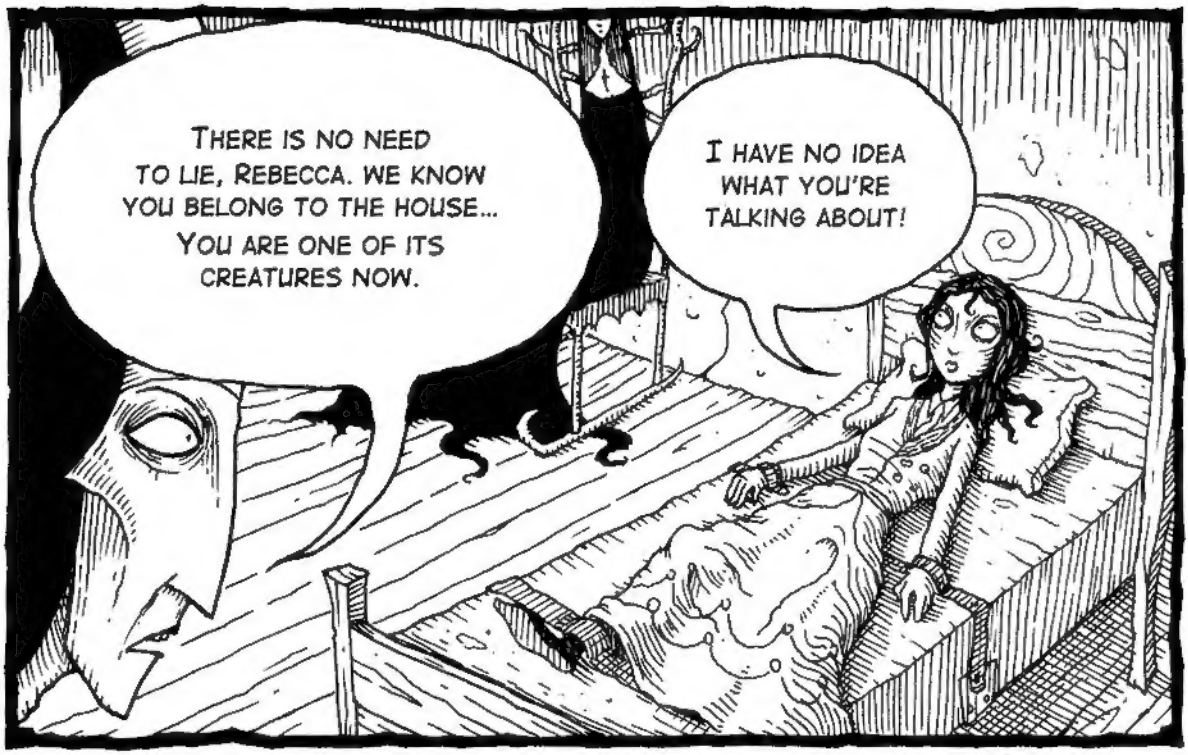
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY AM I HERE?

YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DEAR?

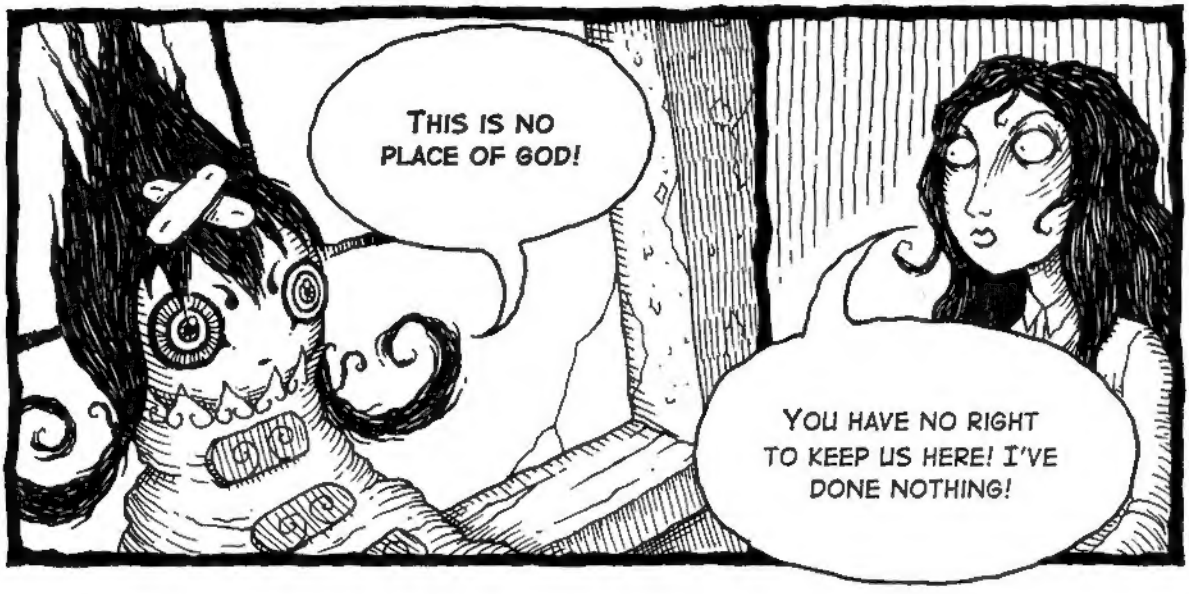
REBECCA, ANSWER THE DOOR!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!
I SEE NO NEED.
WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME DO YOU MEAN? THEY'RE FROM THE CHURCH, HERE TO HELP US.
I KNOW.

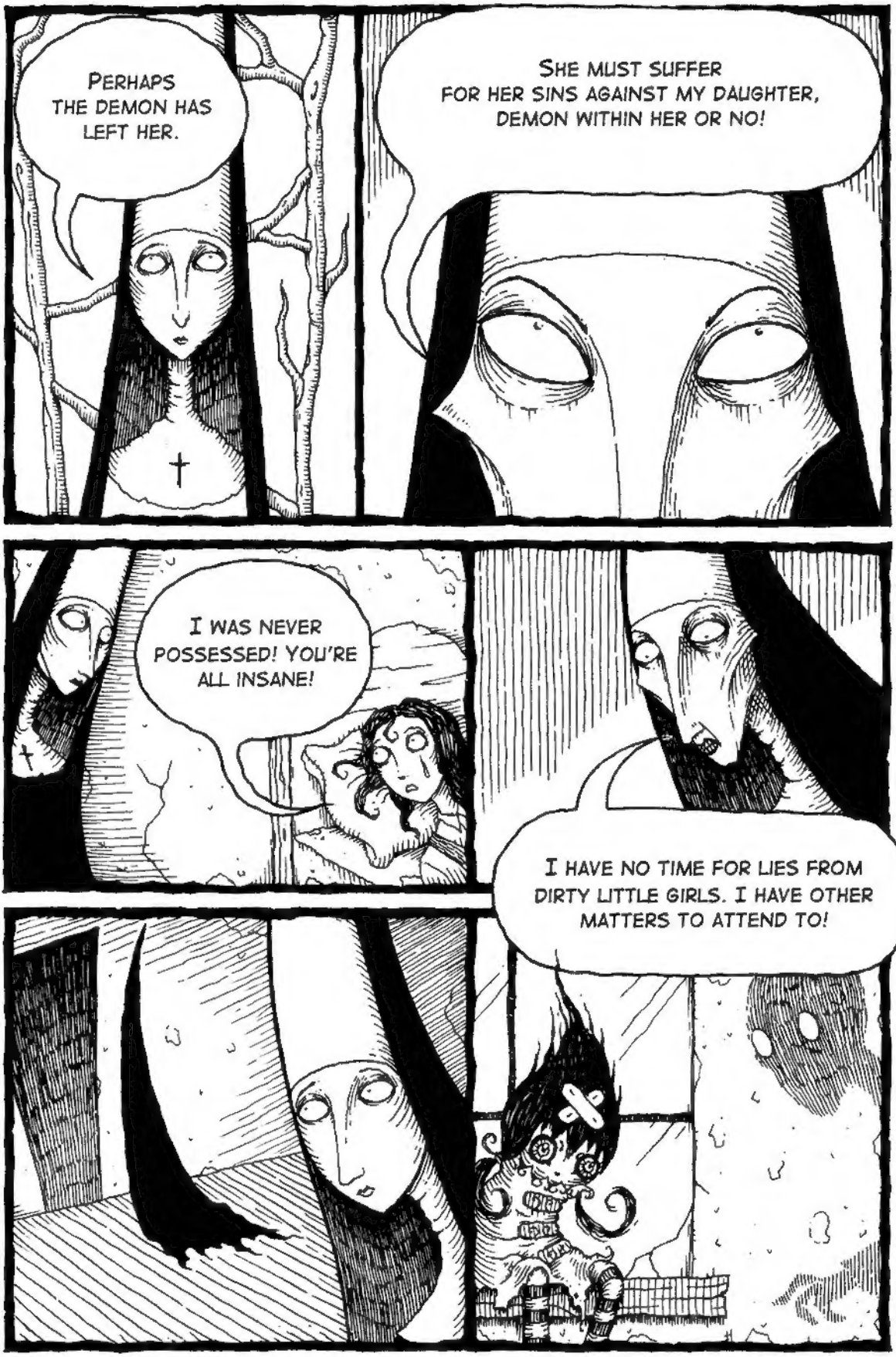
THE HOUSE IS OURS! THERE IS NO SENSE IN FIGHTING AGAINST US.
THAT NEVER HAPPENED!

YOU WERE POSSESSED BY THE DEMONS OF THAT HOUSE, REBECCA! WE HAD TO BRING YOU HERE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!
ARE YOU OKAY, AUNTIE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
WE THINK SHE SUFFERED A STROKE ON ACCOUNT OF WHAT YOU DID TO HER.
I DID NOTHING TO HER! I LOVE MY AUNT!


THERE IS NO NEED TO LIE, REBECCA. WE KNOW YOU BELONG TO THE HOUSE... YOU ARE ONE OF ITS CREATURES NOW.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

HOW DARE YOU TELL LIES IN A PLACE OF GOD?

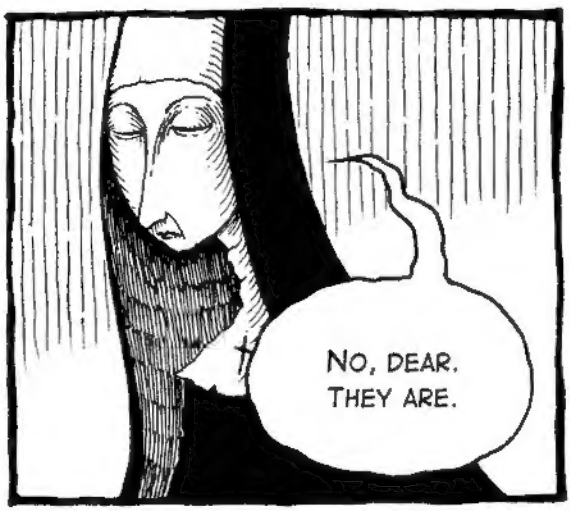

THIS IS NO PLACE OF GOD!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO KEEP US HERE! I'VE DONE NOTHING!


PERHAPS THE DEMON HAS LEFT HER.
SHE MUST SUFFER FOR HER SINS AGAINST MY DAUGHTER, DEMON WITHIN HER OR NO!
I WAS NEVER POSSESSED! YOU'RE ALL INSANE!
I HAVE NO TIME FOR LIES FROM DIRTY LITTLE GIRLS. I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO!

WHAT DOES SHE MEAN SUFFER FOR MY SINS?

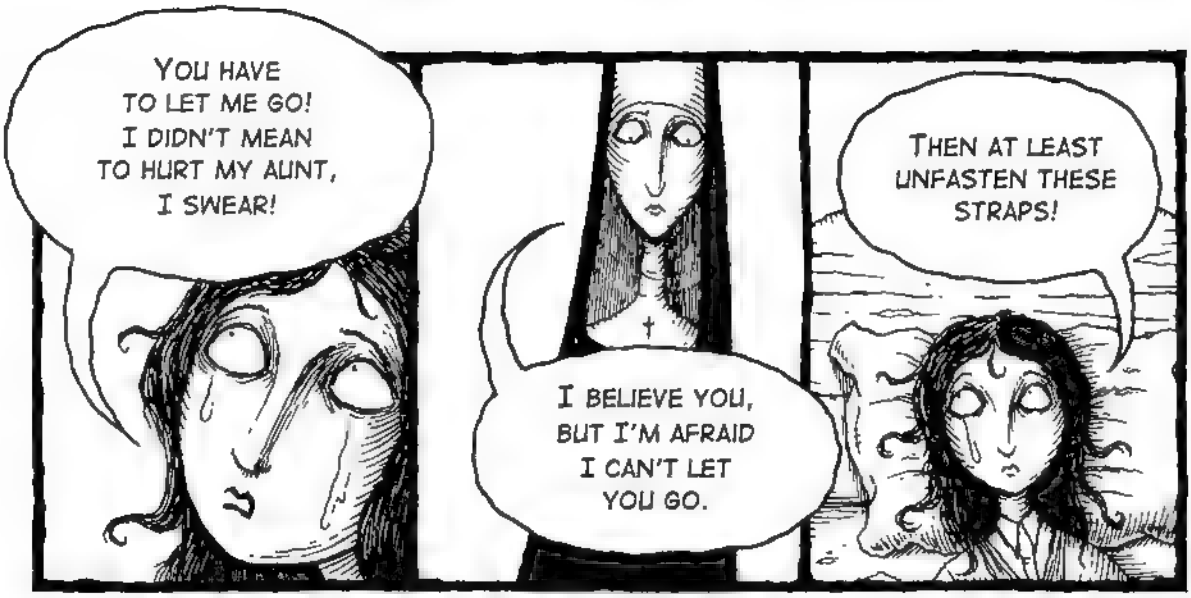
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YOU.

YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME, AREN'T YOU?

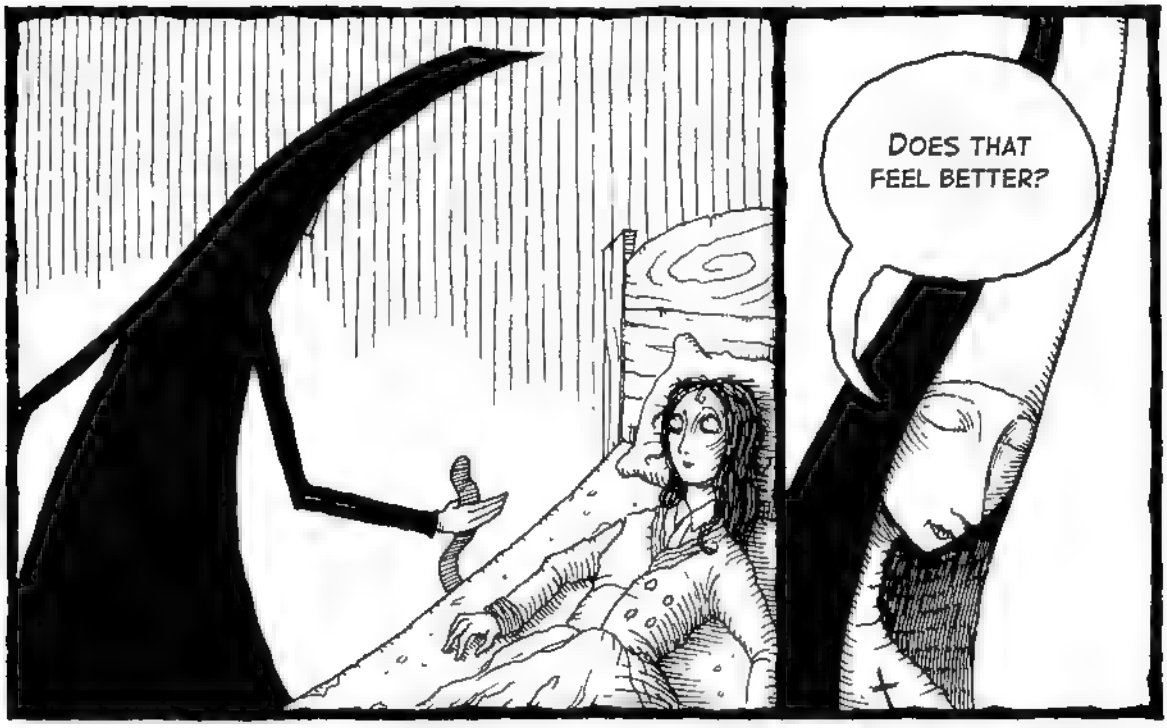

NO, DEAR. THEY ARE.

WHO ARE THEY?

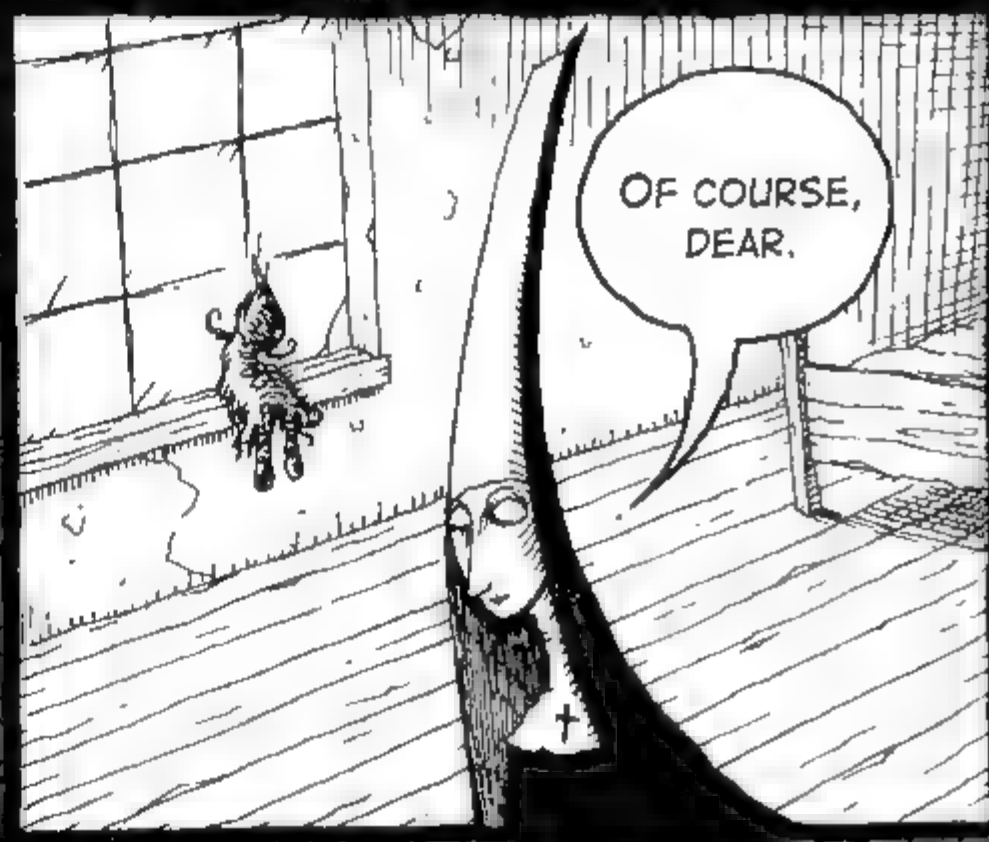
THE MONSTERS BEHIND THE DOOR.


YOU HAVE TO LET ME GO! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT MY AUNT, I SWEAR!
I BELIEVE YOU, BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LET YOU GO.
THEN AT LEAST UNFASTEN THESE STRAPS!

SISTER, PLEASE, IT HURTS SO MUCH.


DOES THAT FEEL BETTER?

YES, THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY DOLL, PLEASE.


OF COURSE, DEAR.

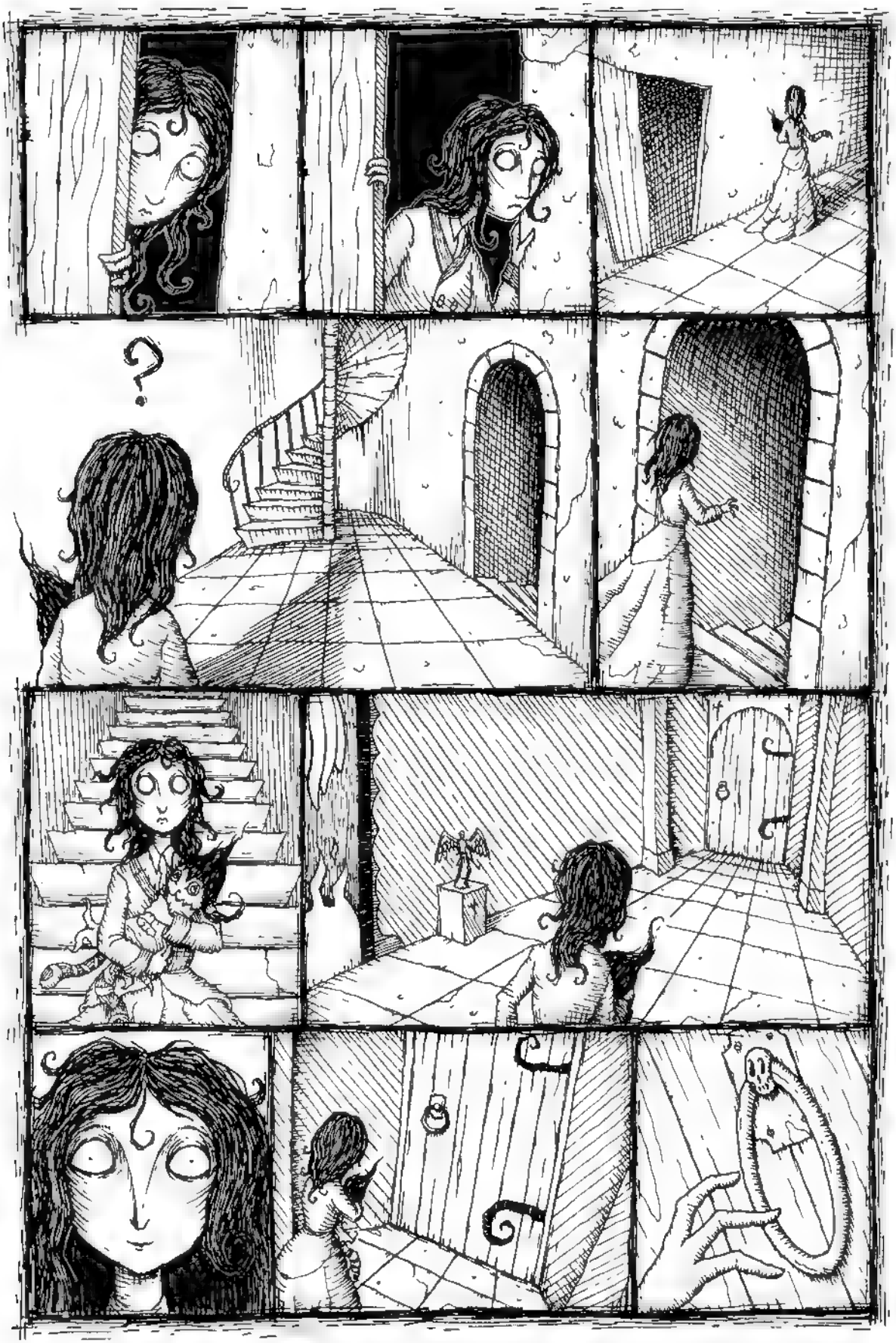
KILL HER.
I CAN'T!

YOU HAVE TO KILL HER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

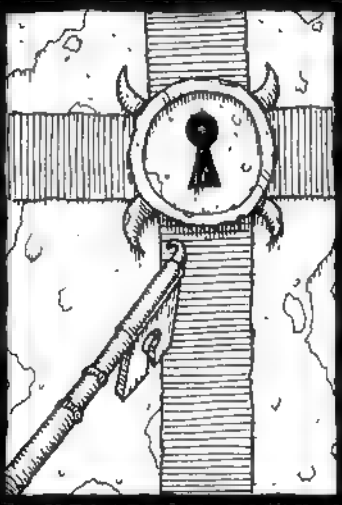
AUNT VICTORIA, PLEASE WAKE UP! WE HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE!
SHE CAN'T WALK! YOU HAVE TO GO AT ONCE.
I CAN'T LEAVE HER HERE!
THEY WON'T HARM HER. NOW GO!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, YOU WRETCHED GIRL? YOU'RE COVERED IN BLOOD!
I DIDN'T DO IT, I SWEAR!
SLAP!
YOU ARE POSSESSED BY EVIL!
SOMEONE, PLEASE HELP ME!
YOUR DEMON CAN'T HELP YOU NOW, HARLOT!
LET ME GO!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH! YOU'RE GOING TO HELL WHERE DIRTY GIRLS BELONG!

WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME ARE YOU DOING?
DAUGHTER, IS THAT YOU?
OF COURSE IT'S ME. TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF REBECCA AT ONCE!
SHE BELONGS TO THEM NOW. SHE TRIED TO KILL YOU!
SHE DID NOTHING OF THE SORT! NOW LET HER GO!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? SHE'S EVIL!



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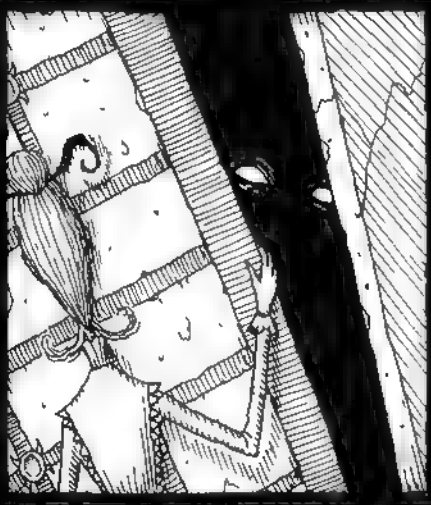
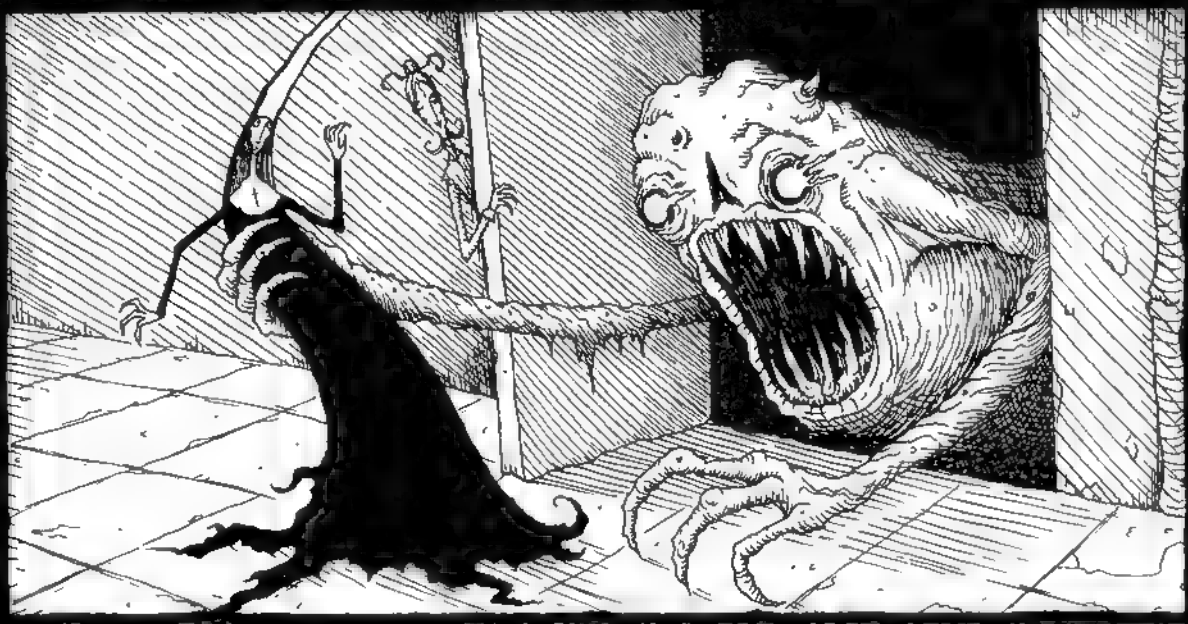
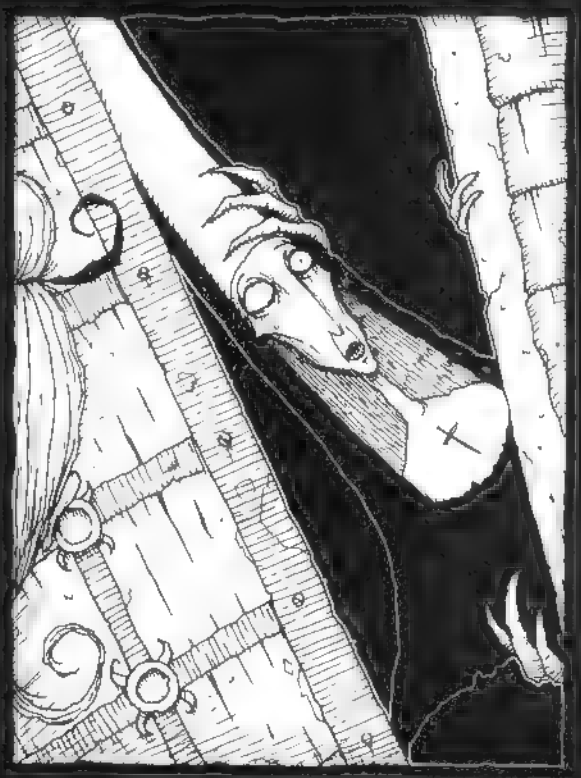
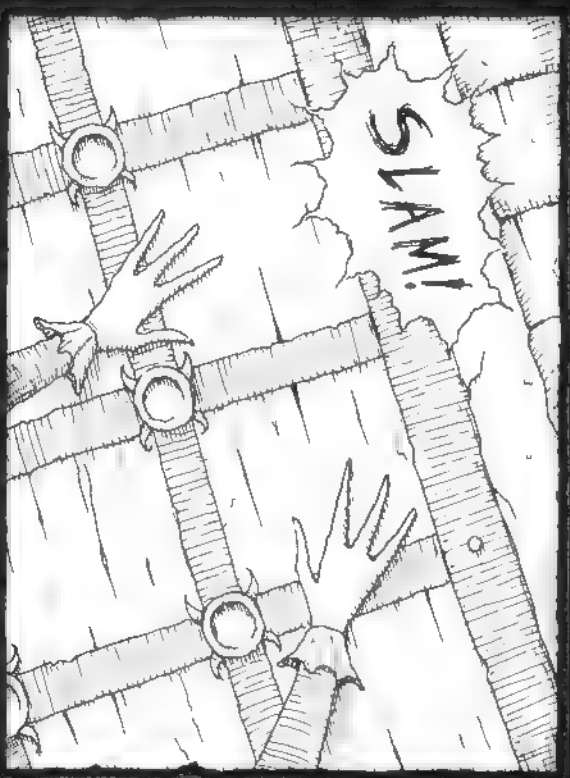
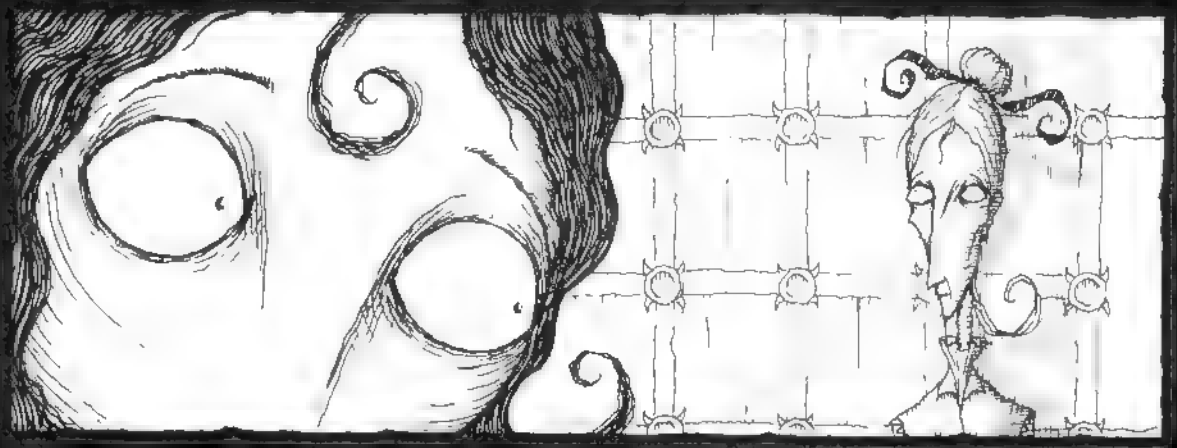




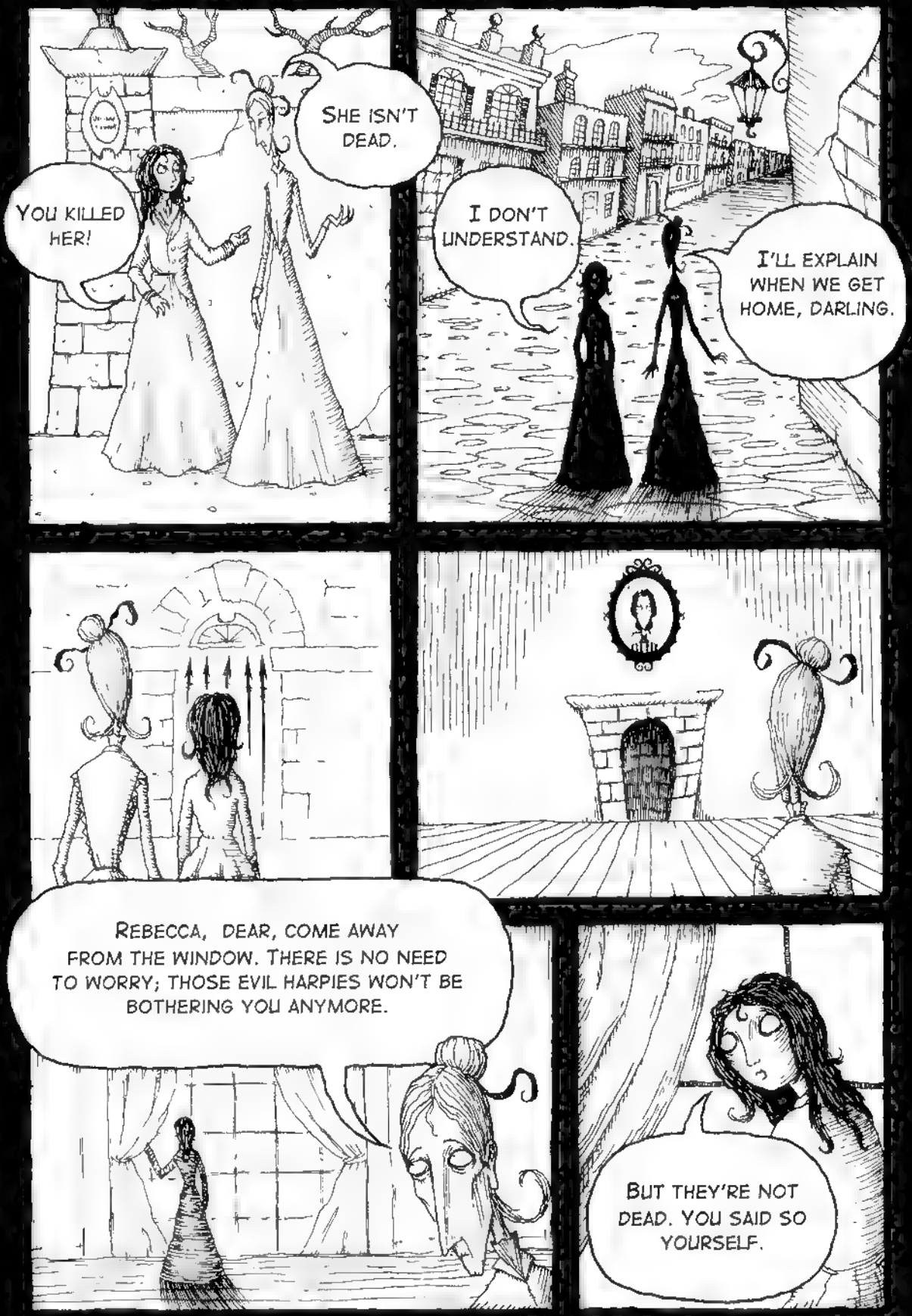



SLAM!

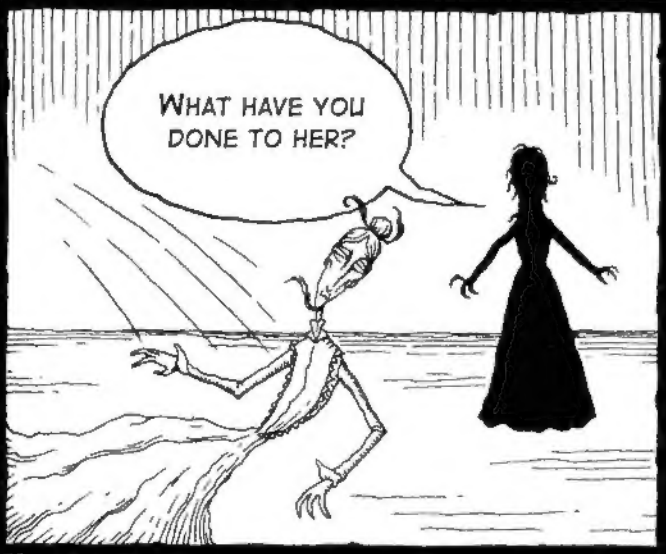


WHAT, DEAR?

COME DEAR, WE'RE LEAVING THIS WICKED PLACE. WE'RE GOING HOME
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT!


YOU KILLED HER!
SHE ISN'T DEAD.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I'LL EXPLAIN WHEN WE GET HOME, DARLING.
REBECCA, DEAR, COME AWAY FROM THE WINDOW. THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY; THOSE EVIL HARPIES WON'T BE BOTHERING YOU ANYMORE.
BUT THEY'RE NOT DEAD. YOU SAID SO YOURSELF.

THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN DEATH, REBECCA.


WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER?

AUNT VICTORIA! ARE YOU OKAY?

CAN SHE EVEN HEAR ME?

OH YES, SHE CAN HEAR YOU.

THEN WHY CAN'T SHE ANSWER?

-TO BE CONTINUED...

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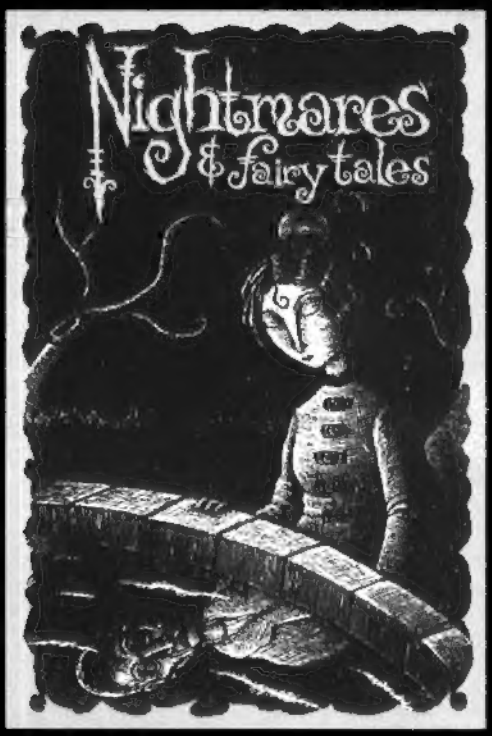
1140 RUE ROYALE CONTINUES...

VICTORIA & REBECCA STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS CONTINUING STORY ABOUT AN OLDER WOMAN AND HER YOUNG NIECE WHO MOVE INTO A HOUSE THAT IS HAUNTED BY THE VENGEFUL VICTIMS OF HORRIFIC CRIMES THAT WERE INFLICTED BY THE HOUSE'S PREVIOUS OWNER, MADAME LALAURIE.



HELLO DARLINGS,

I WAS COMPELLED TO WRITE 1140 RUE ROYALE MANY YEARS AGO, AND EVEN THOUGH IT IS EXTRAORDINARY TO SEE IT COMING TO AN END WITH ONLY TWO MORE ISSUES, I AM SO THRILLED TO SEE IT COME TOGETHER AS IS HAS. CRAB HAS SURPASSED ALL OF MY EXPECTATIONS WITH HIS ASTONISHING AND UNIQUE ABILITY TO TELL THE STORY I HAVE WRITTEN WITH HIS ART. NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE ILLUSTRATED THIS STORY LIKE CRAB, IT HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH HIM, AND BEING ABLE TO SHARE THIS STORY WITH ALL OF YOU.

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